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YE EDITORIAL POINT OF VIEW

This issue, I have been compelled, because of outside affairs, to combine June and July; but I can promise an issue each month from now on. This number contains twenty-eight pages, all told, an increase of four pages over last issue. My aim is one hundred. How long before it is reached, depends largely on you. So help by sending your subscription in, and also others.

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It will doubtless interest many of my readers to learn that Mr. Trowles, of the Trowles Information Bulletin Service, is leaving this month on a trip to England. Mr. Trowles intends to "shake things up" with his Bulletin Service when he returns this fall. More power to him, say all well-wishers of true Philately.

Ye Editorial Point of View, continued

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The proposal of mine in regard to a "Publishers' Protective Association," is beginning to bear fruit. I have already the co-operation of two of our prominent Philatelic Publications, and also some "very interesting" disclosures to make. I can safely promise "something big doing" soon. There are certain parties in T——, W——, V—— and other places who had better look out, or "the bogey-man will get you," sure. The information offered to me is simply amazing of the "Philatelic Grafters." It's time something was done. If you are interested, drop me a line. We need to cooperate to lift our Hobby up.

Shakespeare has said long ago: "There's something rotten with the State of Denmark." What is really the matter with the Great, Glorious and prominent "A. P. S."? One hears very little of anything of interest regarding it nowadays. In view of the vast field of virgin land to be cultivated, in the American Philatelic world, one would certainly like to see more things happening in our premier society. It is to be hoped that the convention this year will be of some real, practical influence, more than of former years.

Just here, I can say that Canada's "Stamp Society," the "C. P. A.," appears to be booming tremendously in proportion to its membership. The new Secretary, Mr. Blackburn, 53 Miller Ave., Toronto, has put new vim into it, and members are increasing rapidly. I am a member myself, and will be most happy to pay one-quarter of the fees of anyone desiring to join. Let's Hear From You!

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YE PAPERS RE-PRINTED

SIMON BOLIVAR

"The Washington of South America"

From the "Collectors' Journal"

Simon Bolivar, the liberator of South America from the yoke of Spain, figures prominently on many of the stamps of South America. A sketch of the life of this great military captain, who has been called the "Washington of South America," may be of interest to many.

Simon Bolivar, the most prominent soldier produced by the revolution of the Spanish colonies, was born at Caracas, July 24, 1783, of a good family. His parents gave him a good education, and then sent him to Europe to visit the great cities and broaden his mind. On his return he joined the patriotic party among his countrymen, and being one of the chief promoters of the movement in Caracas of April 19, 1810, which is considered as the beginning of the revolution, he received a colonel's commission.

He took part in the first military operations of the Venezuelan patriots after the declaration of independence, July 5, 1811; but these proved unsuccessful, so he retired to Curacoa.

He did not remain long, and in September, 1812, with other emigrants from Caracas, entered into the service of the patriots of New Granada. They gave him charge of the small town of Baranca, but seeing that he would not be able to do great things, he undertook an expedition to a town higher up the River Magdulena, occupied by the Spaniards. This he captured, and, gathering forces by the way, he proceeded on his own responsibility to Mompox, driving the Spaniards before him, and finally entering the city of Ocana in triumph amid the acclamations of the inhabitants. He soon conceived the bold project of invading Venezuela and delivering it from the powreful forces under Monteverde. The

Congress of New Granada gratified him in this respect, and gave him a commission of brigadier.

With a small force of about 500 men he drove Correa from the valley of Cucuta, and marched for Venezuela. He soon was able to wrest the provinces of Merida and Trujillo from the Sapniards. Bolivar was continually receiving intelligence of the cruelty and oppressions perpetrated by Monteverde, the Spanish general, so he issued his famous decree of guerra a muerte condemning to death all Spanish prisoners who might fall into his hands. Bolivar was not a cruel man, and is thought that this decree was issued to intimidate the Royalists. His army so increased that it had to be divided into two divisions, one of them being in charge of Rivas. They marched upon Caracas, and after several engagements in which the patriots were always successful, the flower of Monteverde's troops were completely defeated in the decisive victory of Lastoguanes. This left the road open to Caracas, and on August 4, 1813, Bolivar entered the city in triumph.

Before another had passed, however, Caracas had been retaken, and the Royalists were undisputed masters of Venezuela.

Bolivar now proceeded to Tunja, where the Congress of New Granada gave him the command of an expedition against Bogota, for the purpose of compelling the province of Cundinamarca to accede to the general union of the provinces of New Granada. He marched against the city, which soon capitulated. He next tried to regain the city of Santa Marta from the Royalists, but not being properly suported, he threw up his command to Jamaica to wait for better times.

From Kingston, Bolivar repaired to Aux Cayes, in Hayti, and with a small force set sail for Venezuela. They were met by Saniards who forced them to return. He was not disheartened, however, for in December, 1816, he landed at Margarita and issued a proclamation convoking the representatives of Venezuela in a general congress. He then proceeded to resist Morillo, who was approaching with a powerful division. The fight lasted three days, and Morillo retreated in disorder. Bolivar was now recognized as supreme chief, and fixed his headquarters at Angostura. After reorganizing his forces, he crossed the Cordilleras and

effected a junction with General Santander. On the 7th of August, 1819, the Royalists were completely beaten at the Battle of Boyaca. The 5 pesos stamp of Boyaca shows the monument that has been erected to commemorate this victory.

He was hailed as the liberator and father of his country on his return to Angostura. On December 7th, 1819, a law was passed, by which the Republics of Venezuela and New Granada were, under the presidency of Bolivar, to be known as the Republic of Colombia.

Soon the Spaniards negotiated for an armistice, and at its termination Bolivar made a great effort to finish the war by a decisive blow. The Battle of Carabobo, in which La Torre was vanquished, may be said to be the end of the war in Venezuela. On June 29th, 1820, Bolivar entered his native city, and was received with transports of joy. By the close of the year the Spaniards were driven from every part of the country. Having achieved the independence of his own country, he decided to liberate Quito and Peru. He was greatly helped by Antonio Jose de Sucre, whose portrait appears on the 50 cts. stamp of 1878 and all the 1899 series of Bolivia. Quito was liberated by the Battle of Pinchincha, which was fought in June, 1822.

Bolivar next marched upon Lima, which was evacuated by the enemy, and entered the capital amid the acclamations of the people. He was invested with supreme power as Dictator. Internal dissensions caused him to leave, and the Spaniards took the capital. Bolivar gained a great victory at Juin, and this was followed by that of Ayacucho achieved by Sucre.

In June, 1825, Bolivar visited Upper Peru, which had formed itself into a new republic, under the title of Bolivia in honor of the liberator. He prepared the constitution for them, and presented it with an address to the congress on May 25th, 1826. He alarmed many of his friends, as he seems to have had the idea of becoming perpetual dictator of Colombia, Peru and Bolivia when he had got them united together.

The constitution was promulgated officially, and was sworn to by the public functionaries in Lima, December 9, 1826, the anniversary of the victory of Ayacucho. Bolivar was soon recalled to Colombia by an outbreak

of civil war between his adherents and the faction opposed to him.

While Bolivar was absent the soldiers he had left behind in Peru thought that he had the same views for Colombia as he had for Peru. They arrested their generals and under the command of one of their colonels left Peru to watch Bolivar. Bolivar, who was in the north of Colombia, soon heard of the revolt, and gave orders for the arrest of the mutineers, but they had quietly surrendered to Gen. Ovando. Having gained the personal confidence of the soldiers, Bolivar signified his consent to be president, and took the oath on September 10, 1827, at Bogota. But the Republican party with Santander at their head looked upon Bolivar with distrustful eyes.

In 1828, Bolivar assumed supreme power in Colombia, which gave him authority to maintain peace at home, and to defend the country against foreign invasion; to have command over land and sea forces; to negotiate with foreign powers; to make peace; to make war, etc.

Bolivar continued to exercise chief authority until May, 1830, when, disatisfied with the aspect of internal affairs, he resigned the presidency. He retired into private life, but after six months of confusion he was pressed to resume the government. He finally yielded to the urgency, and consented to take the chief command, until a successor should be found at the new election. He again retired to private life, and died at Cartagena on 19th December, 1830. Two days before he died he dictater and signed an address to the Colombian nation.

There's going to be some big improvements the next few months. Sommertime will be my busy season with this paper. More fuller details next month.

PHILATELIC SKETCHES.

One of the most notable of the small islands of the world is St. Helena, which was discovered on May 21st, 1501, by the Portuguese navigator, Jodo da Nova. Its first inhabitant was Fernandez Lopez, a self-exiled Portuguese gentleman. It was visited by three Englishmen: Cavendish in 1588, Kendall in 1591, and Lancaster in 1593. It was settled in 1645 by the Dutch, who abandoned it a few years later. It was then taken by the British East India Company to be used as a place of call on the voyage to the East Indies, but its ownership remained somewhat unsettled until 1673, since which date it has been definitely British. It was used as a place of detention for Napoleon Bonaparte from 1815 till his death in 1821. During the South African war General Cronje, who surrendered with some thousands of his troops at Paardeberg, was kept on the island until the close of the war. St. Helena has an area of forty-seven square miles. It is of volcanic origin, and is practically a mass of rock. The resident population is about 3,500. The prosperity of the place has greatly declined since the diversion of the eastern trade through the Suez Canal.

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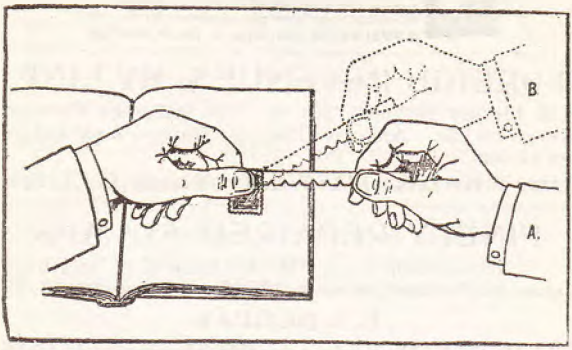

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For I've put you right onto its track.

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